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ELECTION RESPONSIVE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Action dated January 21, 2007 the Applicants elect to prosecute for examination the Examiner defined Species A and (sub?) Species D.

Claims 1-5 and 9-10 read on the elected species A and D.

This election is made without traverse as to the distinction made between the invention of Figure 3 (Species E-H) and Figure 5A (Species A-D). Claims 12-27 are accordingly withdrawn.

The Applicant does traverse the requirement to elect between Species A or B, and then between (sub?) Species C or D. Species A-D are all encompassed by at least Figures 4, 5A, and 5B. Independent Claim 1 is generic to all of the Examiner defined Species A-D. If Claim 1 is determined to be allowable, then dependent claims 6, 7, and 9, which currently read on unelected Species B and C, should also be allowed.

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Appl. No. 10/812,235 Action dated March 2, 2007 Reply to Office Action dated January 31, 2007

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